

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 and 17-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, and 13 are withdrawn. Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

### **I. 35 U.S.C. § 121**

The Examiner requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1 and 17-23;
- II. Claims 2, 7, and 12; and
- III. Claims 3, 8, and 13.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect invention I, claims 1 and 17-23, without traverse.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, and 13, to non-elected inventions II and III, are hereby withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants request that the subject application be considered and the claims allowed.

### **II. Conclusion**

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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